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GERMANS RAID KENTISH COAST IN SEAPLANES

Drop Forty-eight Bombs, Killing Nine Persons and Injuring Thirty-one.

DOVER HARBOR SHELLED

Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate Struck, But Inmates Escape Hurts.

BRITISH AIR FLEET PURSUES

One Teuton Machine Is Followed Thirty Miles to Sea, Where Observer Is Killed.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 19.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-one injured today in another German aeroplane raid on the Kentish coast. The raiders, four in number, dropped forty-eight bombs. Dover and its harbor were shelled, the towns Deal and Margate were bombed, and only prompt action by a British aviator ward off an attack on Westgate. The Canadian hospital at Ramsgate was struck by a single projectile, but no casualties resulted. One German seaplane was pursued thirty miles to sea by a British aviator in a one-seater machine, where he engaged the raider in an action which lasted for fifteen minutes. The raider was brought down and the observer killed.

Four Planes in Raid.

The war office tonight issued the following statement: "Four German seaplanes bombarded the east coast of Kent today.

"The first pair appeared over Dover, flying at a height of from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. One dropped six bombs in the harbor and then proceeded northwest, dropping bombs on the town. The other, after passing Dover, appeared over Deal and dropped several bombs.

"The second pair bombarded Ramsgate, after which one went west and the other north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb was dropped on Margate. The second machine appeared over Westgate, where the aeroplanes engaged in its pursuit and no bombs were dropped.

9 Killed; 31 Injured.

"The casualties so far reported are nine killed and thirty-one injured. As far as can be ascertained, forty-eight bombs were dropped.

"One bomb fell on the Canadian hospital at Ramsgate, causing some damage to the building, but no casualties. Material damage was inflicted on several houses.

"Flight Commander Bone, in a single-seater aeroplane, pursued one raider thirty miles to sea where, after an action lasting a quarter of an hour, the raider was forced to descend and the observer was killed."

Dover, March 19.—In today's aeroplane raid narrow escapes occurred at a certain charitable institution at Dover, where there are a large number of children. One bomb went through the roof and caused extensive damage.

One of the sisters in charge was cut about the arms by falling tiles, but happily none of the children were in this part of the home at the time. On the first sound of the raiders the children were taken to the basement.

The churches narrowly escaped damage, one bomb wrecking a store and stables nearby. In another case a bomb exploded ten yards from a church.

A woman was killed in her home. A boy was walking in a street of the town when a bomb fell close by, killing him instantly.

Two men are reported killed in another part of the town, and several were injured. Four children on their way to Sunday school were killed.

RUSS MINISTER RESIGNS.

Khvostoff Gives Up Interior Department Portfolio.

Petrograd, March 19.—Minister of the Interior Alexei Michailovitch Khvostoff has resigned. His portfolio has been taken over by Prime Minister Basil Vladimirovitch Sturmer. The premier will retain his position on the head of the cabinet.

M. Sturmer, former privy counselor, succeeded Jean L. Goremykine as premier February 1. He had long been known as one of the principal leaders of the conservative wing of the council of the Russian Empire, or the senate.

Now Comes Hairless Cow.

Gold Beach, Oreg., March 19.—A milch cow belonging to D. M. Moore, of this place, recently put out of commission the lighting plant of the Gold Beach Hotel. The hotel uses acetylene gas, generated in an abandoned well in the hotel yard.

The cow broke through the planking over the well, fell forty feet to the water and managed to swim for an hour until help could be summoned. The carbide with which the water was impregnated removed all the hair from the animal's hide.

Member of Vatican Household Is Dead



CARDINAL GOTTI. Rome, March 19.—Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the Propaganda, and one of the best-known members of the Vatican household, died at the Vatican today.

RUSS ATTACK; 9,000 KILLED

Berlin Reports that Many Bodies Counted After Drive Fails.

BITTER FIGHTING WEST OF DVINSK, LONDON HEARS

Petrograd Declares Artillery Actions Have Been Frequent on Riga Front But Is Silent About Losses.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 19.—Nine thousand Russians were left lying on one section of the battlefield after an unsuccessful offensive against the Germans west of Dvinsk, according to a Berlin war office announcement today.

The attacks were launched in the Lake district west of the Dvina. The heaviest fighting was around Lakes Driviaty, Postawy and Narocz. It was at the latter point that 9,270 fallen Russians were counted after the attack had recoiled.

The Russians had made great preparations for their drive, nearly every detail of which was reported to the German staff by scouting aeroplanes and Zeppelins. The Germans were enabled to concentrate at the threatened points and met the Russians with a furious fire.

Bravely the Russian soldiers returned to the attack time and again, but each time were mowed down by massed machine gun and artillery fire.

German artillery activity on the Riga front is reported in the Petrograd communication, which says:

"On the Riga front the enemy directed a lively artillery fire against Ikakul bridgehead and to the south.

"In the region of Jacobstadt there was an artillery duel in the northern sectors.

"Toward Vidzha our artillery bombarded the German trenches. German attempts to assume the offensive near Medziani and south of Ezerovo were repulsed."

REPORT HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Vienna Declares Elektra Stranded After Being Torpedoed—Two Nurses Severely Wounded.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Berlin, March 19.—The semi-official Transoceanic News Bureau gives out the following: "Vienna reports state that the hospital ship Elektra, of the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross, bound from the North Adriatic to Southern Dalmatia, was torpedoed yesterday by an enemy submarine.

"The steamer was stranded. One sailor was drowned and two Red Cross nurses were severely wounded.

"The Elektra was unknown to the enemy as a hospital ship and was provided with the prescribed visible marks."

Sparrow, Too, Not Raven.

Valparaiso, Ind., March 19.—When Frank Tratebas, of Chesterton, was brought to jail here on the charge of intoxication he had not a cent in his pocket. He longed for the open air so he climbed to the latticed window of the jail. Right in front of him was a sparrow's nest. From the nest stuck the corner of a bill with the dollar mark showing.

Music Over Phone Cures.

Chicago, March 19.—George F. Boltwood, a manufacturer who is recovering from a street car accident at a hospital, is being given a "music cure." Every night he is entertained by a cabaret performance to which he listens over the telephone.

Miss Wilson Asks "Who Is Boss," in Forum Controversy

President's Daughter, Speaking at Cleveland School Gathering, Declares Issue Lies Between Board of Education and People of the District.

"Who is boss,—the people or their representatives?" This question was put by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson referring to the community forum dispute, at a gathering of the Grover Cleveland School Forum in the Public Library yesterday afternoon.

The contention over the use of school buildings for forum gatherings is between the Board of Education and the people of the District, rather than between the Board of Education and the District Commissioners, she said. Miss Wilson maintained that the people should meet in the schools when they wished—that they are the bosses of their public actions, and not the school board.

"The Board of Education has declined to allow the use of the public schools for community gatherings, and a bill introduced in the House by Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, directs that ten of these buildings in the District may be used for public forum meetings.

Would Correct Misunderstanding. "Two weeks ago I presented to the Grover Cleveland School Forum the main features of the Johnson measure, said Miss Wilson. "I wish now to emphasize three points in the bill which have been misunderstood.

"The first of these is the fact that there is no intention in the bill of taking power from the School Board and putting it in the hands of the Commissioners.

"The issue is not between the Board of Education and the Commissioners; it is between the Board of Education and the people. Under the present law, the school board can close the school buildings.

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FRENCH NOW ON OFFENSIVE

Strong Attacks Are Launched Against Germans to North of Verdun.

540,000 MEN IN ASSAULT IN DEAD MAN HILL SECTOR

Teutons Declare Offensive "Stopped in Initial Stages"—Four French Aeroplanes Shot Down.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 19.—The French renewed their offensive north of Verdun, directing strong attacks against the positions held by the Germans in the sector of Dead Man Hill. The Berlin army headquarters report, while admitting that the initiative has passed into the hands of the defenders, states that all their attacks were "stopped in their initial stages."

It is in this fighting that no less than twenty-seven French divisions, 540,000 men, are said by the Germans to be engaged. The midnight French communication reports a general slackening of the artillery fire in this region later in the day and states that the Germans attempted no attacks.

On the opposite bank of the Meuse splintered fighting for minor positions is mentioned in the German statement, the battle still being in progress at the moment of writing. Later Paris reports tell of attacks by the Germans on the Vaux-Damouf front, which were repulsed by the French barrier fire.

A swift German attack in the Vermelles region has resulted in a loss of some ground by the British, according to the Berlin report. Strong artillery fire and five mine explosions destroyed trenches captured by the British on March 2, all the occupants, except thirty, who were taken prisoners, being buried in the wrecked positions.

During the last twenty-four hours air-men have been extremely active over the entire front.

Four French machines have been shot down, according to the Berlin report.

German aeroplanes also were brought to the ground. Several successful raids on German rail heads and concentration points are reported.

Morgan Returns But Keeps Mum

Financier Closely Guarded on Ship and on Pier by Detectives.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, March 19.—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived here today from his mission to England, on the American liner Philadelphia. He was accompanied by his wife, his son, Junius, Spencer Morgan, was at the pier to meet them.

Unusual precautions were taken to safeguard the financier. Some time after the ship had docked he and his party were escorted through the ship's pantry to the steers quarters, by officials of the line. They then left the ship by way of the steege gangway to the lower deck of the pier, which is crowded with waiting cargo. The Morgan automobile had been drawn up alongside the gangway.

The financier and his party entered the waiting machine and were then driven off.

While the ship was proceeding from quarantine to her dock, Mr. Morgan was guarded by plainclothes men. To the newspaper men, however, he said he could not discuss the nature of his mission to England.

Thieves Stole House.

Deer Park, Wis., March 19.—Herman Larson purchased a farm in the vicinity of Frederic in Polk County and last summer built a house there and made preparations to move on the property. The other day he went up to Frederic ahead of his family expecting to put things in readiness, when he found that the house had been carried off by thieves.

Dog Buried With Mistress.

Marietta, Ohio, March 19.—Gratifying a wish which Mrs. Mary Frank Hart had often expressed before her death, and which is said to have been embodied in her will, Trixie, pet fox terrier of Mrs. Hart, whose funeral was held recently, was chloroformed and buried in the same grave with her mistress.

Bandits Shot Horse From Under Him



MAJ. FRANK THOMPKINS.

Maj. Frank Thompkins, of the Thirtieth United States Cavalry, stationed at Columbus, N. Mex., was in command of the first detachment of troops sent into Mexico in pursuit of Villa immediately after the outlaw and his band of murderers had pillaged the town and killed sixteen Americans in cold blood.

Maj. Thompkins' horse was shot from under him and his hat was knocked from his head by a Villista bullet.

21 INJURED IN TRAIN CRASH

Coaches from Washington Derailed in Accident at Jamestown, N. C.

ALEXANDRIA MAN AMONG THE LIST OF INJURED

Freight Sideswipes Passenger Cars Near Station—Cause of Accident Not Learned.

More than a score of persons were injured when a box car on Southern Railway freight train No. 74, jumped the track at Jamestown, N. C., at 7 o'clock last night and sideswiped passenger train No. 4, which left Washington at 9 o'clock yesterday morning for Charlotte. Three passenger coaches were derailed.

The accident occurred a few hundred feet from the station, as the passenger train was slowing up to make a stop. The freight was traveling at a fair rate of speed, coming north. Officials of the road stated that had both trains been traveling at a rapid rate several fatalities probably would have resulted.

List of Injured

The injured are: Miss Carolina Biggar, Thomasville, N. C., compound fracture of the left leg.

Miss Mary Green, Thomasville, N. C., severely cut about the head and face. Leg fractured.

A. M. Keeter, Charlotte, N. C., cut about head.

P. H. Carroll, Oak Hill, N. C., left leg fractured.

Mrs. Frank Norris, Spencer, N. C., head and knee injured.

Mrs. Max Hlatt, High Point, N. C., left leg fractured.

Miss Mae Criddlebough, High Point, N. C., injured about the face.

R. J. Wisner, Winston-Salem, N. C., left leg severely bruised.

J. J. Hooker, Dillsboro, N. C., cut on chin.

J. D. Fauntleroy, Alexandria, Va., cut on hand.

L. L. Stout, Greensboro, N. C., left leg fractured.

J. D. Omundro, Greensboro, N. C., face bruised.

L. O. Stough, Greensboro, N. C., back wrenched.

Mrs. W. O. Robinson, Spencer, N. C., left arm cut and bruised.

James Milner, Greensboro, N. C., cut on hand.

C. Z. Noel, Greensboro, N. C., cut on face.

John Harvey, Lexington, N. C., cut on hand.

The colored injured were: Eugene McCoy, Waynesville, N. C., cut on left ear.

Robert McGuire, Lexington, N. C., possible internal injuries.

Henry Savage, Union Hill, Ga., cut on chin.

Ed. Barrett, Carthage, N. C., back and knee wrenched.

Examination of the tracks failed to show that there was any spreading of the rails or defective rail, according to the information telegraphed to officials of the company in this city.

Mines Gold in Chicken Run.

Bandon, Oreg., March 19.—Charles Thompson is mining gold in the back yard of his home in South Bandon, following the finding of three gold nuggets in the craw of a chicken he cleaned for the family's dinner. The largest of the three nuggets was about the size of the head of a hatpin, and search of the yard in which the chickens had been feeding uncovered two more nearly as large.

AMERICAN COLONISTS WIPED OUT BY VILLISTAS DURING FLIGHT TO SIERRA MADRE

TEXANS PLEAD FOR U. S. GUARD, FEARING RAID

Villistas Reported Swooping Down on Presidio, Threatening Massacre.

SCOTT WARNS FUNSTON

War Department Officials Expect Fighting at Any Moment as Troops Close in on Villa.

Franklin appeal was made to the War Department yesterday by the people of Presidio, Tex., for additional troops to protect them from a threatened Villista raid across the border at that point. Representative William R. Smith, of Texas, called on Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, who is acting secretary of war in the absence of Secretary Baker, and laid before him a telegram signed by the residents of the town.

The telegram stated that Carranza scouts coming into the Mexican town of Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, have reported a force of 12 Villistas eighty miles to the south, who were burning ranches and committing all kinds of depredations. Leaders of the band, so the scouts report, are boasting of their intention to "wipe out the gringos" at Presidio and give the residents of that town a taste of what happened ten days ago at Columbus, N. Mex.

The band is believed to be operating independently of the main Villista force. The bandits, the telegram states, are conserving their supply of ammunition on the ground that they want to use their bullets on the people of Presidio.

Scott Wires Appeal to Funston

Gen. Scott at once wired the contents of the telegram to Maj. Gen. Funston at San Antonio, Tex., explaining to Representative Smith that the disposition of the forces along the border is entirely in Gen. Funston's hands. The telegram set forth that the residents had appealed to the American commander of the district which includes Presidio, but had been told by him that no more troops could be spared.

Press dispatches from the border yesterday afternoon stated that Gen. Funston had already ordered practically all the troops occupying the Big Bend district, including Presidio and Columbus.

The Carranza garrison at Ojinaga is small and badly equipped. It is commanded by Gen. Rojas.

With all reports from the border indicating that Pershing's "flying squadron," under Col. Dodd, is close on the heels of Villa, officials here expect at any time to hear of actual fighting. In the meantime they are prepared to hear of raids at isolated points along the border by Villa sympathizers in an effort to prevent reinforcements from being sent to Pershing's support.

French Torpedo Boat Goes Down

Three Officers and 44 of Renaudin's Crew Missing After Submarine Attack.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, March 19.—The French torpedo boat Renaudin was sunk yesterday morning in the Adriatic by a submarine, according to official announcement by the admiralty tonight.

Three officers, including the commander and his second in command, as well as forty-four of the crew are missing.

Two officers and thirty-four of the crew were removed by a French torpedo boat which was accompanying the Renaudin.

AEROPLANES FIGHT WARSHIPS

German Fleet in Attack on Russian Ships.

Petrograd, March 19.—A battle between Russian warships and enemy aeroplanes, in which the warships escaped bombs hurled down upon them, is reported by the ministry of marine tonight.

The fight took place in the Black Sea. Russian torpedo boats had just sent to the bottom a vessel carrying benzine when they were attacked by an air squadron. The fliers, circling over the torpedo boat flotilla, dropped eight bombs, which struck the water. Meanwhile the destroyers took aboard the crew of the sinking oil ship and rapidly steamed away.

Divorce After 39 Years.

Norristown, Pa., March 19.—After thirty-nine years of married life, Charles D. Ricker, a Philadelphia stock broker, who lives here, has won a divorce from Louisa F. Ricker.

NUMBER OF KILLED DELETED BY CENSOR

Report of Massacres Reaches Columbus by Wireless from Interior of Mexico—Pacheco and Chuichupa Believed Places Hit.

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF COLONISTS

Raider Reported to Have Abandoned Thirty Wounded at El Valle—Declared to Have Kidnapped Ten Women.

By H. H. STANSBURY. Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, March 19.—Gen. Pershing's main column was reported late this afternoon as moving south by west of Ascension, along the dry bed of the Rio Janos. He is approximately 100 miles south of the border.

The report came by wireless to Columbus and fragmentary details are that several American settlements in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains have been totally wiped out by Villa bandits. Since this is the direction taken by Villa after the Columbus raid, he is believed to be responsible for the massacres.

CENSOR WITHHOLDS DETAILS.

The number of persons killed and the circumstances of the massacres are being withheld by the censor. The colonies attacked are not designated, but since Colonia Dublan and Morales, the two leading colonies were not molested, it is believed Villa raided Pacheco and Chuichupa.

These were directly on the line of retreat followed by the bandit. Very little is known here of the people who lived in these settlements. They moved into the isolated district years ago and seldom came to the border.

VILLA REPORTED AT HERNANDEZ RANCH.

Villa, according to Gen. Pershing, was at the ranch of Candelario Hernandez two days ago.

The Hernandez ranch is near San Pedro, one of the principal watering places in Central Chihuahua. This fits in with the reports received here from Mexican sources on Friday that Villa had burned a railroad bridge at San Pedro. The last named point is thirty-five miles north of Casas Grandes. Yesterday it is known that Villa was fully forty miles further south.

INFANTRYMEN GIVEN HORSES.

An added fragment of the news from Pershing's column said a detachment from the Sixteenth Infantry had been furnished with mounts and was now accompanying the cavalry.

Villa was located near Babicora today and was said to be making for a lake by that name, which is the only water supply for miles around. He is said to have abandoned thirty wounded at El Valle, where he was placed in these dispatches yesterday.

Along the road which the bandit is moving, the American investments run into millions. Much apprehension is felt here that he will destroy all of this property.

NO CARRANZA TROOPS PURSUING.

The Madera Company, owned by American and English capital, control a number of mills, terminals, company houses and a hotel. Under normal working conditions, more than 3,000 men are employed. The plant is situated just forty miles south of Casas Grandes.

There are said to be no Carranza troops in pursuit of Villa and his men.

The Mexican authorities report fighting with a section of the Villa army in the Torreon district at Coyte Canyon Chorutes. A victory is claimed by the Carranzistas, who say a large number of Villistas were killed.

TEN WOMEN DECLARED KIDNAPPED.

In retreating the Villistas are declared to have kidnapped ten women, the wives and daughters of prominent Mexicans.

The demand of the United States military authorities upon First Chief Carranza for permission to take over the Mexican Northwestern and National Railway lines has developed a situation extremely acute here.

Gen. Pershing is said to have sent a wireless to Funston that the control of the roads leading out of El Paso is imperative to the success of the expedition.

TOO FAR FOR MOTOR TRUCKS.

Col. Dodd, with the Seventh and Tenth Cavalry, already has pushed so far south it will be almost impossible to get supplies to him by motor truck. The pack mules with the expedition are being employed to carry mountain artillery.

The first request to use the railroads is said to have been flatly refused by Carranza, notwithstanding the optimistic reports from Washington Saturday night. The public was permitted to know nothing of the negotiations until the second request was made. This was more of a demand and is now before the head of the de facto government.

The Mexican officials in Juarez are as silent on the subject as the granite monument erected some years ago in memory of patriots for whom the town is named.

El Paso Now Active Base.

In the meantime, active preparations have begun to make El Paso the border base instead of Columbus. Troop trains and supplies were stopped here today. A squadron of the Twelfth Cavalry designated to go in the Pershing expedition is among the latest arrivals.

A corps of clerks, under members of Gen. Bell's staff, have worked all day compiling a list of the available railroad men in this part of the country. It is understood the railroads have agreed to call for volunteers as soon as Gen. Bell gives the word.

The Fort Bliss commander was in conference with the experts he called to his assistance last night. He refused to make any statement. J. S. Crockett, one of the experts said: "The Northwestern could not send troops or provisions over their lines for two or three weeks. The road is broken in this part of the country. It is under-

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